HB1918

# 95TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

# State of Illinois

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## HB1918

Introduced 2/23/2007, by Rep. Mike Boland

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

10 ILCS 5/28-7                     from Ch. 46, par. 28-7

Amends the Election Code. With respect to local referenda authorized by the Illinois Constitution, changes the minimum petition signature requirement to at least 8% of the number of votes cast in the governmental unit for candidates for Governor in the preceding gubernatorial election (now, 10% of the number of registered voters).

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A BILL FOR

1      AN ACT concerning elections.

2      **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**

3      **represented in the General Assembly:**

4      Section 5. The Election Code is amended by changing Section

5      28-7 as follows:

6      (10 ILCS 5/28-7) (from Ch. 46, par. 28-7)

7      Sec. 28-7. In any case in which Article VII or paragraph

8      (a) of Section 5 of the Transition Schedule of the Constitution

9      authorizes any action to be taken by or with respect to any

10     unit of local government, as defined in Section 1 of Article

11     VII of the Constitution, by or subject to approval by

12     referendum, any such public question shall be initiated in

13     accordance with this Section.

14     Any such public question may be initiated by the governing

15     body of the unit of local government by resolution or by the

16     filing with the clerk or secretary of the governmental unit of

17     a petition signed by a number of qualified electors equal <u>in</u>

18     <u>number to at least 8% of the votes cast for candidates for</u>

19     <u>Governor in the preceding gubernatorial election by the</u>

20     <u>registered voters of the</u> ~~to or greater than 10% of the number~~

21     ~~of registered voters in the~~ governmental unit, requesting the

22     submission of the proposal for such action to the voters of the

23     governmental unit at a regular election.

1      If the action to be taken requires a referendum involving 2

2    or more units of local government, the proposal shall be

3    submitted to the voters of such governmental units by the

4    election authorities with jurisdiction over the territory of

5    the governmental units. Such multi-unit proposals may be

6    initiated by appropriate resolutions by the respective

7    governing bodies or by petitions of the voters of the several

8    governmental units filed with the respective clerks or

9    secretaries.

10    This Section is intended to provide a method of submission

11    to referendum in all cases of proposals for actions which are

12    authorized by Article VII of the Constitution by or subject to

13    approval by referendum and supersedes any conflicting

14    statutory provisions except those contained in the "County

15    Executive Act".

16    Referenda provided for in this Section may not be held more

17    than once in any 23-month period on the same proposition,

18    provided that in any municipality a referendum to elect not to

19    be a home rule unit may be held only once within any 47-month

20    period.

21    (Source: P.A. 82-750.)